

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 5, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 88, 1/2/2007; SB 21, 1/2/2007;
SB 61, 1/2/2007
Executive Action: SB 21, SB 88

HEARING ON SB 88

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:20

SEN. BOB HAWKS (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on **SB 88**, Extend allocation of funding to heritage preservation and development account.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:52 Rep. Diane Rice, HD 71, Harrison

00:09:41 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce

00:10:02 Paul Reichert, Montana Heritage Commission

EXHIBIT(tas03a01)

EXHIBIT(tas03a02)

00:11:20 Ed Bartlett, Travel Industry Association of Montana

00:12:43 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Alliance

00:13:12 Amy Sullivan, Montana History Foundation

00:13:46 Cher Jiusto , Montana Preservation Alliance

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:15 Sen. Jeff Essmann, SD 28, Billings to Sen. Hawks

00:16:41 Sen. Robert Story, SD 30, Park City to Mr. Reichert.

00:21:03 Sen. Jim Peterson, SD 15, Buffalo to Mr. Reichert.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:35 Sen. Hawks closed on SB 88.

HEARING ON SB 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:54

SEN. LANE LARSON (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on **SB 21**, Allow counties to establish and fund veterans' cemeteries.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:04 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner

EXHIBIT(tas03a03)

00:30:16 Sen. Daniel McGee, SD 29, Laurel

00:31:36 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:32:11 Jim Jacobsen, Legislative Chairman, Montana American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:34:13 Joe Foster, Montana Veterans Affairs

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:38 Sen. Larson closed on SB 21.

HEARING ON SB 61

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:49

SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on **SB 61**, Adopt federal standard deduction for state income taxes.

EXHIBIT(tas03a04)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:16 Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony:

00:45:10 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:31 Sen. Jim Elliott, SD 7, Trout Creek to Mr. Olsen, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:51 Sen. Cobb closed on SB 61

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 21

00:48:20

Motion: SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 21 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:50:03 Sen. Story explained the proposed amendment

00:50:30

Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLIOTT moved that amendment SB002101.alh DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:51:23

Motion/Vote: SEN. STORY moved that SB 21 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. SCHMIDT was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 88

00:51:51

Motion: SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 88 DO PASS.

00:52:02 Sen. Story comment

00:54:11 Sen. Essmann to Sen. Elliott

00:56:47 Sen. Peterson to Sen. Elliott

00:58:01 Sen. Story to Committee members

00:59:05

**Vote: Motion that SB 88 DO PASS carried unanimously by voice
vote. SEN. SCHMIDT was excused.**

ADJOURNMENT

01:01:46

Adjournment: 9:00 P.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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